

Helix Water District located at 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, California 91941.

This is a groundwater recharge and habitat restoration effort led by the Helix Water District where it will secure highly treated wastewater from the Padre Dam Municipal Water District's Santee Water Recycling Facility, provide additional treatment to purify the wastewater, pump and pipe this water to surrounding basins and then release it into the San Diego Riverbed where it will be allowed to seep down to existing groundwater levels. As the purified water is maintained in this location, it will receive additional natural treatment as it percolates through native materials. Extraction wells will be installed at strategic locations for conveyance to a water treatment plant as a new source of water for all District users.

This action will assist in the continued goals of the San Diego County region to reduce its dependence on imported water from the Colorado River and Northern California by annually producing 5,000 acre-feet of locally available drinking water and meeting 10–15% of the Helix Water District's raw water needs. By raising the groundwater levels in El Monte Valley, revegetation of the riverbed is supported and a more natural habitat is created for recreation and wildlife. This project is the beginning of an 8-year program and has been endorsed by other elected officials, including California Assemblyman Joel Anderson and California State Senator Christine Kehoe, as well as the Association of California Water Agencies, Endangered Habitats League, San Diego County Water Authority, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Otay Water District, and the Lakeside Water District.

IN RECOGNITION OF WOODBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Woodbridge Middle School as a leader in education reform. Woodbridge was recently designated as a 2009 School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

The Schools to Watch program was established in 1999 with the purpose of identifying schools on a path to meeting the National Forum's criteria for high performing schools. There are four categories in which qualifying schools must excel to be selected as a School to Watch. First, students must be challenged academically with clear and well-communicated education goals. Second, a school must work to develop a well-rounded student. This is accomplished through programs that foster healthy physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. Third, a School to Watch must present students with a socially equitable learning environment where diversity, civility, service, and democratic citizenship are valued. Finally, a qualifying school must have organizational structures in place that work to institutionalize the first three criteria.

Consistent with the cooperative spirit of the Schools to Watch program, the motto that drives Woodbridge Middle School is, "We get

better together." Students, faculty and administration are held accountable for school performance and are encouraged to make the education experience a team effort. The staff is required to follow a set meeting schedule for the purpose of monitoring instructional and support programs. Students who are in danger of failing a course must work with parents and teachers to map out a plan to achieve a passing grade. No one is an island at Woodbridge Middle School where education is a community effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Woodbridge Middle School on this prestigious designation and in encouraging it to continue these proven successful approaches to education. Woodbridge Middle School is a model that provides guidance in how to effectively improve our education system. The students, faculty and entire community benefit when we invest in our nation's future by providing our children with a productive and positive learning experience.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Act of 2010:

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Department of Homeland Security—State and Local Programs

Entity Requesting: City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 88005

Description of Earmark: The City of Moreno Valley currently has plans to construct a new 8,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The City's current EOC consists of one room inside the existing Public Safety Building. With the new facility, the City will be fully prepared to respond to all emergency situations, restore services to our residents as quickly as possible, and provide effective communication among other agencies as well as with our residents. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers. The federal nexus is to assist federal, state and local authorities and help coordinate responses to emergencies such as earthquakes and wildfires.

Spending Plan: The total project construction costs for the Emergency Operations Center are \$4.5 million. The \$400,000 appropriation will be used to fund the purchase of equipment for the EOC. This project is currently out to bid for construction. This request is to fund the purchase of new equipment such as telecommunications and video display, resource tracking software, and computers.

THANKING ROBERT WARNICK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on May 1, 2009, we rise to thank Mr. Robert "Bob" Warnick for thirty-one years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives. Bob has served this great institution as a valuable employee of House Information Resources, HIR, in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Bob began his tenure with the United States House of Representatives in May of 1978 in House Information Resources, HIR, as a Senior Systems Analyst, SSA. As an SSA, he successfully implemented a system to generate the Committee Calendar for the Committee on Public Works and Transportation using HIR's Legislative Information Management System, LIMS, developed a case history and mailing list system for the Helsinki Commission, and successfully implemented the first Correspondence Management System, CMS, on the Hill.

In 1987, he transferred to the Administrative Systems Division as the Senior Project Leader for LIMS. In 1995, he was promoted to Senior Systems Specialist and transferred to the Integration Group. As a senior member of this group, he was tasked with the design and implementation of several applications using Standard Generalized Mark-Up Language, SGML. As a proof of concept project, his group successfully converted and produced three House documents using SGML.

In 1996, he was transferred to the Cyber Congress task force within the Integration Group. He was appointed to the position of Senior Internet Systems Specialist when the Cyber Congress task force was renamed the Web System Branch, WSB. His important contributions as a team member in the CAO Advanced Business Solutions Web Solutions Branch have resulted in continued success of the Web Solutions Design team where he designed and implemented Member and Committee Web sites and provided a wealth of knowledge of the Web Indexed Document Automation, WIDA, service application to staff and Member offices.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Robert "Bob" Warnick for many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives. We wish Bob many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

COMMENDING ARTHUR LEE HENRY FOR BEING NAMED A STATE OF LOUISIANA "CITIZEN HERO"

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Lee Henry, a true "Citizen Hero", as honored by the president of Victims and Citizens Against Crime.